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In re Application of	:	
John David Lilley	:	
Application No. 10/674,427	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 1, 2003	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 503028/Van Malderen	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 27, 2005.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request cannot be approved because it is unclear as to who the attorney signing the request has authority over. The request was signed by Jeremy M. Jay, a partner at Leydig Voit & Mayer, Ltd. (customer No. 23548) and an attorney of record in the instant application, who states that he is vested with full rights and authority to represent all other patent attorneys or agents of record (customer No. 23458). It is unclear from the record, who the attorney has authority over, i.e., is it the attorneys of Leydig Voit & Mayer, Ltd. who are of record or is it the attorneys of General Electric Company who are not of record. A clear statement indicating exactly whom the signing attorney is signing on behalf of is required. Note that it appears as though the request provided an incorrect customer number.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by a registered practitioner given power of attorney in this application, an assignee, or the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.33(a)(2).

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1742 to await a reply to the non-final Office mailed april 17, 2006.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at 571-272-3220.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Pothier", is written over the printed name.

Denise Pothier
Petitions Examiner
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